

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Serial No. 09/701455****Art Unit 1744****Filed 02/05/2001****Examiner: McKean, Leigh****Inventor: Paul E. Adler****Title: SLURRY TREATMENT AND SHIPPING METHOD****United States Patent and Trademark Office****Fax: 703.305.8755****PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Applicant petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment of this application for failure to timely pay the issue fee.

The following facts are pertinent to this Petition:

1. Applicant's undersigned attorney yesterday received a Notice of Abandonment dated 03/29/2005 (attachment A), which gave as the reason: "Insufficient Funds in Deposit Account", noting that "The submitted fee of \$147 is insufficient. A balance of \$553 is due.

2. A "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" in this application was mailed 11/22/2004 and received by this attorney November 24, 2004 (attachment B). The issue fee of \$685 was indicated as due by 02/22/2005.

3. This attorney mailed a Transmittal of Issue Fee on February 10, 2005 (attachment C), authorizing payment of an issue fee of \$700 (fees had changed since Notice of Allowance issued) by charging this attorney's Deposit Account 071971, and to "Charge any additional fee required."

4. Applicant's Deposit Account Statement for February, 2005 (Attachment D) indicates that the account was charged \$147 (the balance on that day) on 02/16 for "09701455" (this application).

5. This Deposit Account had an "e-replenishment" of \$1500 on 02/17/2005.

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6. This Deposit Account had a **balance of \$1500** at all times from 02/17/2005 through 02/22/2005, an amount well in excess of the \$557 “deficiency”.

7. The USPTO was given an **open-ended authorization on 02/10/2005 (and is still authorized)** to charge the issue fee and any other fee required to this Deposit Account 071971.

8. No attempt was made to contact this attorney as to any fee deficiency until the Notice of Abandonment was received.

9. Apparently, the USPTO made no effort to charge the momentary deficiency of \$557 to Deposit Account 071971, **although authorized to do so.**

10. The USPTO independently decided when to charge this Deposit Account and, apparently, to try only once. Had the USPTO sought payment of the issue fee on or after 02/17/2005, or bothered to seek the “deficiency” amount from this Deposit Account at any time after 02/16/2005 and up to the due date of 02/22/2005, this Petition would be wholly unnecessary.

11. At no time did the USPTO credit the “insufficient” \$147 amount charged for the issue fee back to this Deposit Account.

12. It is well-known that different operations in the USPTO charge deposit accounts authorized amounts at varying times after authorization. It is this attorney’s experience in 40 years of practice that such charges may be made from a few days to several weeks after authorization. When the deposit account is charged is solely within the province of the USPTO. Such authorizations are open-ended.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the USPTO, by retaining the \$147, agreed to accept partial payment for the issue fee **at that time**, and **was obligated** to either **(a) timely notify** this attorney of the alleged deficiency, or **(b) seek the “deficiency” amount** from Deposit Account 071971 **before the due date of 02/22/2005.** Any other conclusion would be manifestly inequitable to the Applicant herein.

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Therefore, it is clear that the USPTO erred in declaring that Application Serial No. 09/701455 is Abandoned.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the USPTO withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, charge the amount of \$557 to Deposit Account No. 071971, as previously authorized, and issue a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Notice of Abandonment	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	MCKANE, ELIZABETH L	1744	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☒ The submitted fee of \$147.00 is insufficient. A balance of \$553.00 is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$700.00. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$300.00.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

Insufficient Funds in Deposit Account

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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Respond to the Notice of Abandonment by one of the following:

Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I) and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., there is disagreement as to the sufficiency of the reply, or as to controlling dates), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to one of the following standards:

- 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing
- 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing
- MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence

Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment should be addressed as follows:

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By facsimile: 703-305-8755 or 703-305-4372

Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (See MPEP 711.03(c) II). No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the original Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was never received. If adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition and remail the Office action. The showing required establishing non-receipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

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By mail: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Petition To Revive An Abandoned Application (See MPEP 711.03(c) III)

Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g. the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) unavoidable or (b) unintentionally (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application.

Petitions under 37 CFR § 1.137 should be addressed to the Office of Petitions as follows:

By mail: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

By hand: Crystal Plaza 4, Rm. 3C23, 2201 Clark Place, Arlington, VA

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Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR § 1.137(a) and Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), forms available at USPTO website – <http://www.uspto.gov>

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TITLE OF INVENTION: SLURRY TREATMENT AND SHIPPING METHOD

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$685	\$0	\$685	02/22/2005

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. **PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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30427

(37 C.F.R. 1.311)

Applicant(s): ADLER, PAUL E.

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Transmitted herewith are the following for the above-identified application.

- ☒ Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85
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5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above.

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02/10	48	09396112	35007	2501	\$700.00	\$612.00
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